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**PLANT METHIONINE SYNTHASE GENE AND METHODS FOR INCREASING THE METHIONINE CONTENT OF THE SEEDS OF PLANTS**

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Application No.	Country	Filing Date	Priority Claimed (Yes/No)
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<u>60/002,973</u>	<u>08/30/95</u>

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<u>08/703,829</u>	<u>AUGUST 27, 1996</u>	<u>PENDING</u>

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